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SUBJ: VISIT OF MEXICAN MINISTER FRANCISCO JAVIER
ALEJO TO SEEK SPPORT FOR LATIN AMERICAN
ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA)

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1. MEXICAN MINSTER OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY ALEJO MADE A ONE-
DAY VISIT TO MONTVIDEO ON MARCH 4 TO EXPLAIN THE IDEAS BEHIND
SELA AND TO SEEK GOU SUPPORT. THE VISIT INCUDED MEETINGS
WITH PRESIDENT BORDABERRY AND FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO AS WELL
AS A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE MEXICAN EMBASSY. ALEJO TOLD THE
PRESS THAT BORDABERRY HAD RECIVED HIS EXPLANATION OF SELA
FAVORABLY, AND THAT HE HAD ENCOUNTERED SMILAR REACTIONS ELSEWHERE
ON HIS TRIP. BLANCO'S BRIEF STATEMENT TO THE PRESS WAS NON-
COMMITTAL, HOWEVER, AND MERELY NOTED THATURUGUAY WOULD
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STUDY THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL.

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2. ALEJO EMPHASIZED SELA WOULD NOT COMPLETE WITH EXISTING HEMISPHERIC ORGANIZATIONS. POTENTIAL PROJECTS MENTIONED PNCSMED ANOCRIBBEAN FLEET AND MULTINATIONAL GROUPS TO "DEFEND PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS WHIC THE REGION EXPORTS."

3. ALEJO LEFT ON THE SAME EVENING FOR BUENOS AIRES, TO BE FOLLOWED BY PARAGUAY AND PERU.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO DIRECT INFORMATION YET ON GOU REACTION, WE ANTICIPATE SELA WILL GET A COOL RECEPTON HERE SINCE URUGUAY HAS TRADE AND PRODUCT INTERESTS QUITE DISTINCT FROM SELA SPONSORS. IN PARTICULAR, MEXICO HAS NOT BEEN FORTHCOMINLWSSVPETROLEUM SUPPLIES RECENTLY (SEE REFTELS), AND WE UNDERSTAND VENEZUELA TURNED DOWN URUGUAY'S REQUEST FOR LOANS.

5. GDS.
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